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City Discussion of Ordinance Relating to Off-Leash Animals on Public Property will Return to Subcommittee

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (February, 2015) At the Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 10, the City Council held a Work Session to continue discussion of Ordinance 2015-02, relating to off-leash animals on public property. The purpose of the Work Session was to give the public an opportunity to submit input on the proposed draft Ordinance, and allow Council to consider and discuss the input received as well as the best practices of other communities. At the end of the Work Session, the Council concluded that the Ordinance merited additional discussion in a subcommittee that will include Councilmembers Val Tollefson and Wayne Roth.

Prior to the Work Session, Council received comments from dozens of residents expressing a range of ideas and perspectives regarding leash laws on Bainbridge Island. During the Work Session, Council also received comment from approximately a dozen residents who advocated varied positions on the issue. The subcommittee will now have the opportunity to distill the input that was received, and return to Council at a later date with a recommendation.

The February 10, Work Session can be viewed online at: http://www.bainbridgewa.gov/436/Media-Library.

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